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China News

1. Chinese, Italian presidents agree to promote greater development of ties

On March 22, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Italian counterpart, Sergio Mattarella held talks in Rome, and agreed to jointly push for greater development of the China-Italy comprehensive strategic partnership in the new era.

The two heads of state agreed to guide the direction of bilateral ties from a strategic height and long-term perspective.

During their talks, Xi noted that both as countries with an ancient civilization, China and Italy have profound historical relations.

"This year marks the 15th anniversary of the China-Italy comprehensive strategic partnership, and the two countries will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic relations next year," Xi said.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/23/c_137916738.htm

2. Xi leaves Rome with fruitful results, MoU on BRI included

On March 23, Chinese President Xi Jinping left the Italian capital of Rome, after holding talks with Italian leaders and witnessing the signing of multiple bilateral cooperation documents, including a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on jointly advancing the construction of the Belt and Road.

"I have held in-depth and friendly talks and meetings with Italian officials, including the president," Xi said referring to his four-day state visit to Italy. Before leaving, He attended a grand seeing-off ceremony hosted by his Italian counterpart, Sergio Mattarella.

Saying "the mutual trust and the practical cooperation between our two sides in various areas have been deepened," Xi called on China and Italy to further intensify high-level exchanges to advance their comprehensive strategic partnership to a new level.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/24/c_137919792.htm

3. Xi holds talks with Prince Albert II on strengthening China-Monaco ties

On March 24 Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with Prince Albert II, head of state of the Principality of Monaco on strengthening China-Monaco relations.

Xi was paying a state visit to Monaco, the first by a Chinese president to the European country.

Noting the affinity between the two peoples, Xi said that since China and Monaco established diplomatic relations more than 20 years ago, the two sides have always treated each other as equals with sincerity and friendship.

Xi said China-Monaco relations are developing steadily, with bilateral practical cooperation keeping pace with the times and taking the lead in China-Europe cooperation in the fields of environmental protection, telecommunications and mobile payment.

Xi said China and Monaco have set a fine example of friendly exchanges between countries that are different in size and have different historical and cultural backgrounds and social systems.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/25/c_137920727.htm

4. Xi, Macron agree to forge more solid, stable, vibrant China-France partnership

On March 25, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron, agreed to carry forward the high-level ties between the two countries and forge a more solid, stable and vibrant China-France comprehensive strategic partnership on a new starting point in history.

The consensus was reached during the talks between Xi and Macron at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

Xi said that great changes have taken place in the international situation, but the China-France relations have always kept developing on a high level and in a sound and stable way.

He said that since President Macron took office, bilateral ties have

reached a new high in just less than two years, with many new outcomes achieved.

"This year is of special commemorative significance, as it marks the 55th anniversary of China-France diplomatic ties, the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Work-Study Movement in France, and also the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, " Xi said.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/26/c_137924456.htm

5. Xi outlines 4-pronged proposal on global governance

On March 26, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged countries around the world to make concerted efforts in four aspects and jointly shape the future of mankind in the face of severe global challenges.

Xi made the remarks at the closing ceremony of a global governance forum co-hosted by China and France in Paris. Besides Xi and his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron, the event was also attended by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

Xi proposed a four-pronged approach to addressing "four deficits" in global affairs.

Firstly, the Chinese president called for fairness and reasonableness to address the governance deficit.

Secondly, Xi called for consultation and understanding to address the trust deficit.

Thirdly, he called for joint efforts and mutual assistance to address the peace deficit.

Fourthly, Xi called for mutual benefit and win-win results to address the development deficit.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/27/c_137925702.htm

6. Xi makes 3-point proposal on China-Germany ties in meeting with Merkel

On March 26, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with German

Chancellor Angela Merkel and put forward a three-point proposal on the further development of China-Germany relations.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of a global governance forum co-hosted by China and France.

"China-Germany practical cooperation has maintained a sound momentum of development despite an increase of volatility and uncertainty in the current international situation," Xi said.

"China was Germany's largest trading partner for a third consecutive year in 2018, with a nearly 140 percent increase in German companies' actual investment in China," he said.

"China," Xi told Merkel, "has set its goals and ideas that it would continue to deepen reform, expand opening-up and promote high-quality economic development."

Noting that China stands firm in sticking to opening-up, Xi said China is also sincere in advancing and expanding its cooperation with Germany and with the European Union (EU).

China is willing to join efforts with Germany to continue to expand and consolidate the basis of China-Germany cooperation, so as to bring more benefits to the two peoples, he said.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/27/c_137925507.htm

7. Xi's fruitful visits boost partnership with Europe

Chinese President Xi Jinping's first overseas visit in 2019 has elevated China's ties with Italy, Monaco and France to a new level, and injected new impetus into China-Europe comprehensive strategic partnership, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has said.

When the world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century, Xi's Europe tour, hailed by the international community, is dedicated to deepening partnership for cooperation, improving global governance, and upholding multilateralism, which shows China's sense of responsibility as a major country, Wang said.

In six days, the Chinese president attended over 40 events during his

visit to five cities including Rome, Palermo, Monaco, Nice and Paris, Wang noted, adding that it is a trip of friendship, cooperation and exploration that has delivered fruitful results.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/27/c_137927881.htm

8. Xi's Europe trip unlocks partnership potentials, renews defense of multilateralism

Chinese President Xi Jinping's first overseas trip in 2019 has achieved a train of tangible results, thus further unlocking potential for more dynamic and productive cooperation between China and its many European partners.

The Europe tour, which took him to Italy, Monaco and France, has helped bolster Belt and Road cooperation, stimulate inter-cultural exchanges, and build up a global consensus on safeguarding multilateralism for a better and more shared future.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/28/c_137931097.htm

9. Xi Jinping and Tibet's development

On March 28, China commemorated the 60th anniversary of democratic reform in Tibet, celebrating the region's fast economic growth, stable society, favorable natural environment and progress in other sectors.

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core has made arrangements for social stability, border development, ecological protection and ethnic unity in Tibet and opened a new chapter of improving governance, stability and people's wellbeing there.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/28/c_137930954.htm

10. Chinese premier vows to further stimulate market vitality

On March 25, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang met in Beijing with

foreign representatives who were here to attend the China Development Forum 2019, pledging to use the reform and opening up as a driving force to further stimulate market vitality to ensure the healthy development of the Chinese economy.

The representatives include heads of some of the world's top 500 companies, scholars from renowned research institutions and representatives of international organizations.

Li said that China overall achieved a stable performance while at the same time secured progress in its economic development last year. In the face of new downward pressure, China will continue to vigorously promote countermeasures such as tax and fee reduction and fostering new growth engines.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/26/c_137922930.htm

11. China to further improve business climate focusing on weak links

China will work harder this year for a more enabling business environment by tackling areas of weakness to better energize the market and stimulate social creativity, the State Council's executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang decided on March 26 Tuesday.

Premier Li Keqiang pointed out in the Government Work Report this year that the government will work to energize market entities, and maintain and increase their level of activity by improving business environment and cutting institutional transaction costs.

The Tuesday meeting called for redoubled efforts to tackle the pressing issues and measure up to advanced standards in fighting the tough battle of improving the business environment.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/26/c_137925403.htm

12. Chinese premier underlines efforts to unleash market vitality

On March 27, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang stressed that efforts must be made to better energize market entities and solve difficulties related to

development and people's lives.

The country must implement the tasks set out in this year's government work report, further promote reform and opening up, strengthen economic growth momentum, and enhance the people's sense of fulfillment, Li said in a tour to south China's Hainan Province during the ongoing Boao Forum for Asia annual conference.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/27/c_137928186.htm

13. Chinese premier holds dialogue with representatives at Boao Forum for Asia

On March 28, Premier Li Keqiang held a dialogue with representatives from fields of business, finance, media and think tanks attending the 2019 Boao Forum for Asia annual conference.

"Adhering to reform and opening up is the independent choice of the Chinese people," Li said at the meeting attended by more than 200 guests from all around the world.

"Over the past 40 years of reform and opening up, Chinese people have enjoyed tangible benefits, and China will only open its door wider and wider," Li said.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/29/c_137934809.htm

14. China to revise laws, regulations related to foreign investment law

On April 3, the State Council, China's cabinet said it was necessary to amend laws and supporting regulations and policies to ensure the implementation of the foreign investment law.

Draft amendments for administrative licensing law, trademark law, construction law and electronic signature law were passed Wednesday at a State Council executive meeting presided over by Premier Li Keqiang.

It was also decided at the meeting to submit the draft amendments to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, for deliberation, according to a statement after the meeting.

Further reading on the following websites:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/03/c_137947305.htm

15. Yang Jiechi on the Belt and Road Initiative and preparations for the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

On 17 November 2018, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) would be held in Beijing in April 2019. The announcement has drawn keen interest of both Chinese and foreign media. On 29 March 2019, Mr. Yang Jiechi, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, who oversees the preparations for the Forum, gave an interview to People's Daily and China Daily. He talked about progress in pursuing Belt and Road cooperation and preparations for the Forum.

The full text of the interview on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1650535.shtml

16. State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi talks about President Xi Jinping's visits to Italy, Monaco and France

From March 21 to 26, 2019, President Xi Jinping paid state visits to Italy, Monaco and France upon invitation. At the end of the visits, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi introduced the visits to the accompanying reporters.

Wang Yi said that it was the spring equinox and the "Two Sessions" had just concluded. President Xi Jinping flew to Europe, starting his first visit of the year, ushering in a new journey for China's relations with Italy, Monaco and France, pushing forward the joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative to open up new space in the Eurasian continent and injecting new impetus into the China-European Union (UN) comprehensive strategic partnership.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zgyw/t1649557.htm>

China-UK Relations

1. Wang Yi meets with British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jeremy Hunt

On March 18, 2019 local time, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi briefly met with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jeremy Hunt of the United Kingdom (UK) in Brussels.

Wang Yi expressed that recently, some high-level officials of the UK government have repeatedly expressed the UK's commitment to promoting the "Golden Era" of China-UK relations. It is hoped that the UK side will translate this positive commitment into concrete actions, properly handle issues affecting the sound development of bilateral relations and enhance mutual understanding and trust.

Jeremy Hunt noted that the UK side views China's development positively and is willing to see China playing a bigger role in global affairs. The UK stands ready to make joint efforts with the Chinese side to deepen the "Golden Era" partnership. Jeremy Hunt said that some specific differences should not hinder the overall development of bilateral relations.

The above reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1647746.htm>

2. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: 'Gunboat diplomacy' does not promote peace

On March 20, the Daily Telegraph and its website published a signed article by Ambassador Liu Xiaoming entitled '*Gunboat diplomacy' does not promote peace*.

Ambassador Liu Xiaoming pointed out that asserting their nation's right to freedom of navigation has long been an excuse for certain Western politicians to flex their military muscles by sending naval vessels to the South China Sea. He set the record straight on three key issues about the sea in the hope that such behaviour will end.

The full text of the article on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1647092.htm>

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3. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Cooperation on innovation leads to a bright future

On March 31, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled *Cooperation on innovation leads to a bright future* at the Hunan-UK Future Innovation Summit.

Ambassador Liu Xiaoming pointed out that this year marks the 65th anniversary of the establishment of China-UK diplomatic relationship at the level of Chargé d'Affaires. The most prominent characteristic of China-UK relations over the past 65 years has been our innovative and pioneering spirit. He expressed confidence that as long as China and the UK continue to forge ahead and work together on innovation, we can deliver more tangible benefits to our people, and embrace a brighter future for the China-UK "Golden Era"

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1649428.htm>

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4. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming : Communication between hearts enhances cooperation between states

On March 31, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled *Communication between hearts, enhances cooperation between states* at the Philharmonia Orchestra Concert

Ambassador Liu pointed out that as China deepens reform and opens up wider in the years ahead, there will be more opportunities for the UK. He hoped that British friends from all walks of life will take an active part, seize the opportunities and join hands with China to achieve common development.

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1650057.htm>

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5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Build up consensus and create a

bright future cooperation

On April 1, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a keynote speech entitled *Build up Consensus and Create a Bright Future Cooperation* at the APPCG Q&A with Ambassador on the "Two Sessions": Understand the "Two Sessions".

Ambassador Liu shared with the audience his views on China's economic development, reform and opening-up and foreign policy.

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1650479.htm>

6. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Seize the opportunities in the new era and work together to create a brighter future

On April 4, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled *Seize the opportunities in the new era and work together to create a brighter future* at the Bank of East Asia 100th Anniversary Cocktail Reception.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that the world today is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century. China has entered a new era of development. Its relationship with the world has also experienced historic changes. He shared with the audience his suggestions on how to seize the opportunities in the new era.

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1651641.htm>

7. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Learn the Oriental Wisdom and Understand the Future of China

On April 10, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a keynote speech at the Symposium on Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy entitled: *Learn the Oriental Wisdom and Understand the Future of China*.

Ambassador Liu pointed out that to understand today's China and China's diplomacy, one must study and try to understand Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy. Ambassador Liu then explained in details what Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy is at the core, what Xi Jinping Thought

on Diplomacy means to the world and how to obtain an accurate and comprehensive understanding of Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy.

The full transcript of the speech on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/EmbassyNews/t1652772.htm>

Policy and Position

1. Foreign Ministry Spokesperson's remarks on the British Government issuing its latest biannual report on Hong Kong

Q: On March 27, the UK government issued its latest six-monthly report on Hong Kong. What is your comment?

A: There is no denying the fact that since the return of Hong Kong, the practice of "one country, two systems" has achieved well-recognized success. I want to stress that since Hong Kong's return on July 1, 1997, Hong Kong affairs have become China's internal affairs. The British side has no right to point fingers at and shall not interfere in Hong Kong affairs under whatever pretexts. We urge the British side to face the fact squarely that Hong Kong has been back as part of China for 22 years, respect China's sovereignty, stop issuing the relevant report, and stop meddling in Hong Kong affairs.

The above reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1649722.htm>

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